

CT
CHANNEL SEVEN CLEAR 8:00P

CHANNEL SEVEN CLEAR 8:32P

M
ATHEISM

BEIRUT, LEBANON, MAY 7 (REUTERS)-AN OFFICIAL SYRIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT BROADCAST BY DAMASCUS RADIO LATE TONIGHT ACCUSED THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (C.I.A.) OF INSTIGATING AN ARTICLE IN A SYRIAN MAGAZINE RECENTLY WHICH EMBODIED A CALL TO ATHEISM.

THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE MILITARY GOVERNOR IN SYRIA SAID THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND DECIDED "TO CRUSH ALL FORCES EMPLOYED IN CARRYING OUT IMPERIALISM PLANS."

THE COMMAND ALSO DECIDED TO CONFISCATE THE PROPERTY OF "THOSE WHO HAD INCITED THE PEOPLE, SABOTEURS, AGENTS WHO MOVE AT THE COMMAND OF IMPERIALIST CIRCLES AND TRIED TO DO AWAY WITH THE GAINS OF THE TOILING MASSES."

LEBANESE NEWSPAPERS HAVE SAID DEMONSTRATIONS AND STRIKES TOOK PLACE IN DAMASCUS LAST WEEK IN PROTEST AGAINST AN ARTICLE IN THE "PEOPLE'S ARMY" MAGAZINE.

THE ARTICLE, THEY SAID, CONTAINED STATEMENTS WHICH HURT THE FEELINGS OF BOTH MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS BECAUSE IT URGED THAT RELIGION BE FOUGHT AND AND ADVOCATED ATHEISM.

TRAVELLERS FROM DAMASCUS TONIGHT SAID MARKET PLACES IN DAMASCUS WERE ON STRIKE TODAY IN PROTEST AGAINST THE ARTICLE, AND THAT A DEMONSTRATION OCCURRED RIGHT AFTER FRIDAY'S REGULAR MUSLIM PRAYERS.
(MORE) DMM 9:06P

FIRST ADD BEIRUT ATHEISM X X X PRAYERS.

THE MILITARY GOVERNOR SAID IN HIS STATEMENT THAT "THE EVIL ARTICLE WHICH INFILTRATED IN TO THE PEOPLE'S ARMY MAGAZINE WAS A LINK IN AN AMERICAN, ISRAELI AND REACTIONARY PLOT. IT WAS USED BY ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY, REACTIONARY ELEMENTS TO CAST DOUBT ON THE RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS PRACTISED BY THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA."

PRESS REPORTS WERE SAID EARLIER THAT SYRIAN AUTHORITIES ARRESTED THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE--AN ARMY LIEUTENANT--AS WELL AS THE CHIEF EDITOR OF THE MAGAZINE IN AN ATTEMPT TO CALM THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY.

THE STATEMENT ADDED THAT INVESTIGATIONS PROVED THE ARTICLE AND ITS AUTHOR "WERE NOTHING BUT A TOOL OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WHICH HAS BEEN ABLE TO INFILTRATE IN A DIRTY MANNER TO CAUSE DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE."
DMM 9:10P